

# Society

ACTING HOSTESS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.



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**S**OOCIETY is at its low tide just now. Many who are not religiously inclined for religion's sake are for the sake of fashion, or following in the lead of fashionable Christians. There is a dearth of entertainments. It is well, for the gay people need the rest and the saving of their strength for the gayeties which will burst forth at the Easter season.

Fitting plans are already forming, and the first to break ranks for the summer season are the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller von Hengervar, who will sail on March 9 for home. They are now in New York for a short visit before sailing, and will get home to welcome former President and Mrs. Roosevelt when they visit Austria. The Ambassador and his family will return to this country before the summer is over, but will go to Bar Harbor until the cool weather sets in.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand will go next, in order to be in France to entertain Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The greater number of official families will not leave Washington until the last of May. Most of the Congressional people hope the men of the family may go with them and Congress will be over for this season. The adjourning of Congress is as uncertain as the weather on inauguration day before it dawns, and there is no telling how late the legislators will have to stay.

The coming of the new Spanish Minister and his charming wife, Senor and Senora de Riano, will be an event in Washington society. The courtship and marriage took place here in Washington, where the bride had lived for many years with her grandmother, Mrs. Ward.

It was a courtship of much interest throughout. The wedding was a beautiful one, and the fair bride and popular bridegroom carried away with them to the foreign post, where the latter had just been transferred and promoted. They good wishes of hosts of friends. They will be warmly welcomed again when they come with a substantial promotion.

Mr. Riano was a popular host when he was charge d'affaires of Spain here for a long period. It was during this time that his attentions to Miss Alice Ward became so pronounced that they left no doubt in any one's mind as to the outcome of their friendship. Their wedding trip to New York was not an auspicious one, for they were caught in one of the worst blizzards of years and were held half a day on the road between the two cities by a blockade of snow and ice.

It has been many years since the Spanish Legation has had a mistress; in fact, it has not been since the days of the Duke and Duchess d'Arcos, the latter formerly Miss Lowery, of this city, when the legation was located in the old Lowery mansion at the corner of K and Vermont avenue. Since then no Minister has brought his wife, and one or two have been bachelors. So the hospitality of the legation have been dispensed by the wife of the first secretary, and these for the most part have been assumed by Mme. Pastor, who is now far away with Mr. Pastor, who was transferred recently to a European post.

Mrs. Ward has not occupied her handsome home in Connecticut avenue for several years, having gone to her country place in Pennsylvania to spend both winters and summers, soon after the marriage of her favorite grandchild to Mr. Riano. Mme. Riano spent some weeks in this country with her grandmother in the early fall, but was only a day or two in Washington, before her circle of friends had returned from their summer outings.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

The perfect weather of yesterday afternoon drew out a large party for the paper chase, the pretty and rather strenuous fad just now occupying the attention of young society people. The start was made from the country home of Miss Grace Bell, at Twin Oaks, and the party took a lively halt and scampered over the rough woodland. The paper chase is a frivolous affair, and tests the civility of the men, for as one bachelor put it, "the men cannot run faster than the last girls in the party, for one of them might stumble over a rut, or fall in a creek, so the men always stay back with the least swift runners." There has never been any lack of chivalry in the paper chase parties, and the men have taken excellent care of the young women.

Fort Myer was almost the gayest spot in the District last evening. The regular Saturday night hop was given and a large company of young girls and men went over from the city to dine with Mrs. Gilman before the dancing. Col. and Mrs. Garrard, the commanding officer of the fort and his charming wife, entertained the company at supper after the hop. The Misses Garrard have two guests, who arrived yesterday from the Midwest. West, Miss Eleanor Grant, of Cincinnati, and Miss Emily Woodall, of Covington, Ky., who will spend several weeks at the fort.

A week of charity opera is one of the interesting affairs of the future. It will take place at the Belasco, and each night will be devoted to a different charity. The cast will be a smaller one than is usual with these charity affairs done by the smart set, and the characters will be selected with reference to the special ability of the performers.

The afternoon and evening of tableaux of American history to be given in the Continental Memorial Hall on April 6 for the benefit of the House of Mercy will be one of the smartest affairs of this sort which has been done in Washington for some years. Mrs. Barney will have charge of the whole performance. She will design the tableaux, the costumes, and do the posing, but each tableau will be in charge of some society woman, who will choose her subject and the people in the picture. Baroness von Bernstorff, wife of the German Ambassador; Countess von Moltke, wife of the Danish Minister; Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Andrews, nee Minnegerode; Mrs. Chastard, Mrs. H. C. Perkins, Miss Hammond, Mrs. George F. Elliott, and Mrs. T. R. Hoess, nee Gouverneur, will each have charge of tableaux.

Mrs. Taft has cards out for another Friday Lenten musicale.

Mrs. Charles E. Buck, president of the board of lady managers of the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, has announced the following chairmen of com-

mittees in charge of the bazaar to be given for the hospital at the Arlington Hotel, April 12 and 13:

Reception—Mrs. William H. Fox. Supper—Mrs. A. D. van de Veer, of St. Andrews; Mrs. William B. Trott, of St. Mark's; Mrs. C. E. Buck, of St. Paul's; Rock Creek; Mrs. G. H. McGrew, Grace Church, Silver Springs, Md.; Mrs. Arthur Carr, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and Mrs. T. J. Jones, St. Alban's.

Lemonade and fruit punch—Mrs. Edward Roome, of St. Stephen's; Mrs. A. C. Parker, Church of the Advent, and Miss Julia Tompkins, St. James' Church.

Cake table No. 1—Mrs. William H. Wilmer, Epiphany Church.

Cake table No. 2—Mrs. W. H. Fox, St. John's, and Mrs. W. M. Dove, of St. Michael and All Angels'.

Flowers—Miss Florence Woods, of Ascension Church.

Ice cream—Miss Mary Armstrong, of St. Paul's Church.

The two fancy tables will be presided over by Mrs. Mary E. Smoot, of St. John's, and Mrs. J. H. W. Blake, of Christ Church, Georgetown.

Andy No. 1 will be in charge of Mrs. Joseph R. Johnson, of St. Thomas, and Andy No. 2 in the care of Mrs. A. C. Pento, of St. Margaret's Church.

Mrs. Edward Roome will have charge of the waitresses, who, as in former years, will wear distinctive costumes. Mrs. W. M. Dove will dispense general information, and Mrs. Oscar White will see that every child has a "grab" at her mystery packages. Mrs. C. B. Hopkin will have charge of the music and dancing both evenings.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the Women's Club of Kensington, Md., at the residence of Mrs. Joseph W. Buck, Mrs. T. Marshall West gave a version on the translation of the Bible, and Mrs. Cunningham several musical selections. Others were elected to serve one year as follows: President, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Townsend; first vice president, Mrs.

B. C. Armstrong; second vice president, Mrs. Bertha C. Ashworth; recording secretary, Mrs. Gretchen H. Cook; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eva C. Kumer; treasurer, Mrs. Frances A. West; parliamentarian, Mrs. Margaret T. Hermann; historian, Mrs. Herbert Flier, and auditor, Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp was hostess at a 5 o'clock tea yesterday afternoon at her home in Twentieth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Burnstine will receive informally next Sunday night in celebration of their fifty wedding anniversary, at their residence, 1123 Thirteenth street, from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Alfred Clifford Barney entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lincoln, of Boston, who is spending the winter here, having leased the house formerly occupied by Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Fremont, in R street.

Mrs. Longworth, wife of Representative Longworth, was hostess at an informal luncheon yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Indiana Society will be held on Thursday evening at Pythian Temple at 8 o'clock. After the regular business, the meeting will be turned over to the women, who will demonstrate their ability to entertain. Mrs. J. P. McGraw, fourth vice president of the society, will preside, and the entire programme will be rendered by the women. Refreshments will be served, followed by dancing and a general good time. The Rebekah Orchestra will play, and some of the leading musicians of Washington will give a short programme.

The Beta Iota Club held its regular meeting Saturday, February 26, at the residence of Miss Eleanor Capers, 406 G street northeast. Miss Kraft won the lady's prize and Mr. Kraft took the gen-

tlemen's honors. Misses Schultz, Marvin, and Richmond gave instrumental solos, and Miss C. Capers and Mr. Campbell sang. The table decorations were red, white, and blue, and the favors were George Washington hatchets.

Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. James McMillan are among the box holders for the benefit to be given the Children's Hospital, under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild, in the National Theater on Monday, April 4. Among the patronesses are: Countess von Bernstorff, Miss Boardman, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mrs. G. L. Bradley, Mrs. Wilford H. Brownson, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Crowninshield, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. W. F. Dennis, Mrs. George T. Dunlap, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Falmes, Mrs. Gaff, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Glover, Baroness Hengelmüller, Mrs. Thomas Hyde, Mrs. Hooke, Mrs. Beverly Kennan, Mrs. John F. Leach, Mrs. Reiter, Mrs. Lorton, Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McMillan, Miss de Musnier, Mrs. Newberry, Miss Jane Riggs, Mrs. J. C. Simpson, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Wickersham, Mrs. John F. Wilkins, and Mrs. Huntington Wilson.

An interesting event of the week will be the "Washingtonians" March dance in National Rifles Armory on Wednesday evening. Cards have been issued for same.

Mrs. A. Brann, of 1208 Columbia road, gave a bridge whist party on Thursday evening. After bridge there was music and then supper. The table decorations were sweet peas and American Beauty roses. Among those invited were Messrs. Hatch, Miss Henry, Mrs. Mothershead, Mrs. Pierson, Miss Eunice Berry, Mrs. Smoot, Mrs. Moulton, Miss Alice Berry, and Miss McKeever.

The Council of Jewish Women has arranged an attractive programme for its next meeting, to be held Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock in the vestry of the Eighth Street Temple. Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mursey will address the organization. Mrs. Arthur Baumgarten will read a paper, and Miss Velasta Plate will render piano solos. Social hour will conclude the afternoon.

The Undeclin Club will give a dance and entertainment for the benefit of charity at Pythian Temple next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

## WEDDINGS—ENGAGEMENTS

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Dorothea Clendenin to Dr. Julius C. LeHardy, Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A., at Iloilo, P. I., December 11, 1909. The bride is a daughter of the late Paul Clendenin, surgeon major, United States army, and granddaughter of the late David Ramsay Clendenin, brigadier-general, United States volunteers, and colonel, Second United States Cavalry, and of Clement Augustus Lounsbury, late colonel Twentieth Michigan Volunteers. She is a niece of Maj. George H. Morgan, U. S. A., whose family she is visiting in Manila. When they returned to the States, she remained with her cousins, Mrs. Talbot, wife of Lieut. Ralph Talbot, U. S. A., and Mrs. Purdon, wife of Hon. Eric St. Clair Purdon, British vice consul at Iloilo, P. I., who gave a brilliant reception in their honor after the wedding. They are at home at Taelabon, Leyte, P. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Murphy, of Grand Rapids, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter Nellie to Lieut. Jesse

Farley Dyer, U. S. M. C. Lieut. Dyer is stationed here on duty in the office of the Judge Advocate of the navy. The wedding is expected to be an event of the early summer.

Miss Nellie Hanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hanna, and Mr. J. Porter McWilliams, of Altoona, Pa., will be married on Wednesday, March 9, at 7 o'clock in the Church of the Covenant, when the pastor, Rev. Charles Wood, will officiate. Miss Hanna will be attended by her sister, Miss Marie Hanna, who will be maid of honor. Her father will give her in marriage, Mr. Frank H. Feely, of Philadelphia, will be Mr. McWilliams' best man, and the ushers will be Mr. McWilliams' two brothers, William and John McWilliams, and the bride's two brothers, Paul Wallace and Charles W. Hanna. After the church ceremony a reception will follow at Hauscher's.

The marriage is announced of Miss Henrietta Wallace, daughter of Commander Rush Wallace, U. S. N., to Dr. L. A. Ewald, of New York. The ceremony was performed very privately in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, and was witnessed only by the immediate families of the bride and bridegroom, owing to the recent death of the bride's mother. The bride and bridegroom will live in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Elliott have invitations out for the marriage of their daughter, Esther Stuart, to Mr. Merrill Pope Gallher on Wednesday evening, March 9, in the Eastern Presbyterian Church, at 8:30. The young people will be at home after April 15 at 1311 Delafield place northwest.

## DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS.

The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Huntington Wilson entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand. The other guests were the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Miss Cannon, Senator and Mrs. Clark, Representative and Mrs. J. Stott Fasset, the Swiss Minister and Mme. Ritter, the Minister from Guatemala and Senora Herrarte, the charge d'affaires of Peru, Mr. Santander; the United States Minister to Panama and Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. Legare, Miss Elizabeth Kean, Miss Christian, and Mr. Ekengren, of the Swedish Legation staff.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond entertained at dinner last evening, and had a large company of Representatives in Congress and their wives. The guests were Representative and Mrs. Burke, Representative and Mrs. Ellis, Representative and Mrs. Englebright, Representative and Mrs. Charles R. Davis, Representative and Mrs. Grimes, Representative and Mrs. L. E. Hanna, Representative and Mrs. T. J. Hamer, Representative and Mrs. W. C. Hawley, Representative and Mrs. E. A. Hayes, Representative and Mrs. Joseph Howell, Representative and Mrs. William Humphrey, Representative and Mrs. McCredie, Representative and Mrs. E. W. Martin, Representative and Mrs. J. C. Needham, Representative and Mrs. C. M. Pray, Representative and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Representative and Mrs. Stearnson, Representative and Mrs. Volstead, Representative and Mrs. Mondell, Representative Julius Kahn, Representative M. T. Kincaid, Representative Miss Polindexter, Representative Frank M. Nye, Representative James McLaughlin, Mrs. Huntington Williams, Mr. Slater, Miss Palmer, Miss Ella Hoyle, Miss Dorothy Gardner Williams, Miss Hammond, and Mr. Harris Hammond.

Representative Hamilton Fish and his daughter, Miss Janet Fish, entertained at dinner last evening for their house guest, Miss Gwendolyn Burden, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearsall entertained at a family dinner on Friday evening at the Pearsall home on R street to celebrate the seventieth birthday of Mrs. Pearsall's father, Rear Admiral Hichborn. Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall have done but little entertaining this winter because of the mourning they have been observing for Mr. Pearsall's father, who died recently.

Admiral and Mrs. Hichborn have been residents of Washington for more than twenty years, and are important factors in the exclusive circles in Washington society, where they are greatly beloved. Mrs. Pearsall was the former popular Miss Martha Hichborn, whose fame as a beauty and belle has spread further than her own native land. She and Mr. Pearsall will go to their splendid estate at Black Rock, Conn., early in June, where Admiral and Mrs. Hichborn will spend a large part of the summer with them, joining them there later.

Mrs. Robert W. Lesher was hostess at a delightfully appointed luncheon and bridge last week, in compliment to Miss Leslie Abbott, Miss Abbott is visiting her sister, Mrs. David B. Talley. She is the niece of Col. L. P. Hunt, retired, and Maj. J. B. McDonald, Fifteenth Cavalry. Those invited to meet Miss Abbott were Mesdames Romeyn, Crist, Latham, and Winston, Miss Watkins, and Miss Morrison.

Miss Gwendolyn Burden, of New York, in whose honor Mrs. John B. Henderson was hostess at luncheon yesterday, is the house guest of Representative Hamilton Fish and Miss Fish.

Mrs. Richard Ballinger, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, has cards out for a luncheon at Hauscher's on Thursday, March 10, which is to be given in honor of Miss Helen Cannon.

Miss Mabel Boardman was a dinner hostess last night.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh were the guests of honor at dinner last night of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the latter's debutante, Miss Katherine Brown. Among the guests were Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, daughter of the Russian Ambassador; the naval attaché of the Austrian Embassy and Baroness Preuschen, Miss Gladys Hinchley, Miss Alice Whiting, Miss Laura Merriam, Miss Sophy Johnston, Miss Adelaide Heath, Capt. McLean, Lieut. Johnson, Mr. Cen-

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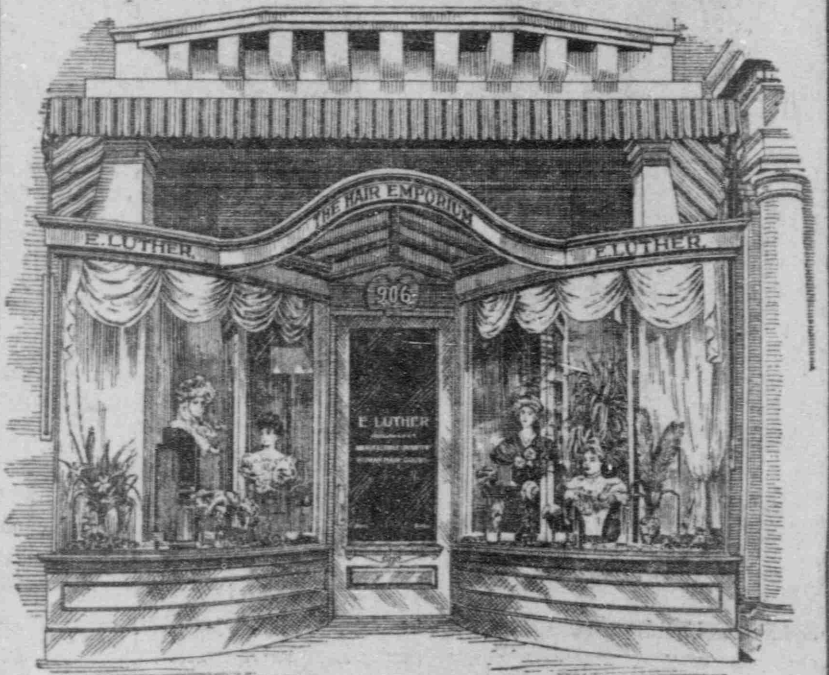
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